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BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

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Docket No. MC99-3

Periodicals Classification Change, 1999

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF ALLIANCE OF NONPROFIT MAILERS

Pursuant to section 20 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers ("ANM") respectfully submits notice of its intervention in this case.

ANM requests that the following persons receive service of any documents in this proceeding:

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ANM is a nonprofit corporation, chartered in the District of Columbia, representing the interests of nonprofit organizations in postal rate matters. ANM's members include many of the Nation's best-known charitable of the Nation's best-known character of the Nation

educational, scientific and other nonprofit organizations, as well as smaller nonprofit organizations and umbrella groups. Many of ANM's members enter publications at Periodicals rates. ANM thus has a substantial interest in the issues raised in this proceeding.

ANM does not believe that the proposed classification change provides a permanent and complete solution to the rate anomaly identified by the Postal Service in this docket. Such a solution would require a rate structure that preserves the statutory rate preference established by Congress for nonprofit and other preferred mail vis-à-vis commercial mail. Allowing nonprofit mailers to pay rates no *higher* than commercial rates does not achieve the legislative policy of maintaining *lower* rates for nonprofit mailers.

ANM recognizes, however, that a permanent and complete solution will require more fundamental reform of the rate structure, and a more extensive record, than is possible on short notice. Accordingly, ANM supports the temporary fix proposed by the Postal Service in this docket, and does not request a hearing on the proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document on all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

David M Levy

April 28, 1999